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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Labor Day Holiday Weekend Safety Message - 2006

- 1. The Labor Day holiday traditionally marks the end of the summer season and is a time to reflect proudly upon our many accomplishments. Most notable, the brigade experienced a very successful and safe UFL '2006 exercise with no fatalities or serious injuries. Now, 1st Signal Brigade Signaleers, civilian employees, and their families can take full advantage of the last long summer holiday weekend to unite with friends and family to enjoy the many entertainment and recreational opportunities available in the Republic of Korea.
- 2. 1st Signal Brigade Signaleers are reminded that they are to use the buddy system when venturing off post and to stay clear of any demonstrations. Also a 1st Signal Brigade Soldier recently lost their dependent spouse due to head injuries received in a moped accident where alcohol was a factor. Special emphasis must be given to being trained and licensed to operate mopeds and motorcycles, along with wearing the required protective equipment; the use of seat belts when operating or riding in vehicles; swimming only in authorized areas where life guards are present; as well as being vigilant against the dangers of mixing alcohol with driving and high hazard sport activities. The hot summer weather is still with us, so we also must guard against heat injuries and sunburns. Remember, we must take care of each other.
- 3. We must take the necessary steps to ensure the safest possible holiday weekend for all members of the 1st Signal Brigade and their families. Prior to dismissal for the holiday weekend, Commanders, leaders and supervisors must ensure that "Under the Oak Tree" counseling covering the topics listed above have been completed, along with the local curfew requirements and drinking then operating any vehicle. Our firm commitment to ensure the safety of the lives entrusted to our care aids in fulfilling our goal of an accident-free holiday weekend.
- 4. Enjoy the Labor Day Weekend. You and your families have earned this much deserved time off. Thank you for all that you do for your country, the U.S. Army and the 1st Signal Brigade. Always remember, safety does not take a day off; it must be an integral and necessary part of everything we do.

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